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FX-14™ ASIC

Performance and power efficiency
on silicon-proven technology

Highlights

- High-performance 56G long-reach HSS design for next-gen systems
- One of the industry's fastest embedded networking TCAMs
- Performance-optimized and density-optimized SRAMs
- Expanded suite of embedded processors, including high-performance 64-bit ARM® cores

A Platform for Tomorrow's Network Hardware

The FX-14™ ASIC is a comprehensive semiconductor design system targeted for wired and wireless networking, storage and cloud computing applications.

FX-14™ is designed to deliver more performance per watt and use fewer watts per GHz in less space. Compared to its predecessor*, it offers significant power and area savings, including:

- Up to 50% less active power
- Up to 85% less leakage
- Up to 55% less area

This combination of performance, power and area advantages can help chip designers stay ahead of system-level demands driven by evolving network and data center architectures and the race to 5G solutions.

FX-14™ takes advantage of a production-proven, low power 14nm FinFET platform from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES (GF) Fab 8 facility in Saratoga County, NY and years of industry-recognized expertise in bringing some of the communications industry's most sophisticated ASICs to life. You can leverage this experience—along with advanced packaging, a rich IP portfolio and an end-to-end, integrated and reliable design methodology—to help you develop differentiated solutions essential to your ongoing market leadership.

Future-ready IP

The FX-14™ IP portfolio features an array of ARM® cores and leading-edge high-speed SERDES (HSS), embedded TCAMS and SRAMs.

The FX-14™ design library provides SoC design flexibility, offering 64-bit ARM® embedded processors along with a broad range of 32-bit ARM® cores and peripherals. The addition of the 64-bit cores enables designers to optimize their chips for performance in the most demanding communications applications.

An ultra-high-performance 56Gbps long-reach SERDES design extends the GF HSS roadmap. PCI Express (PCIe), a high-bandwidth memory (HBM) interface and multiple 30Gbps designs are also available. The GF HSS cores provide outstanding jitter performance and equalization over a wide range of interface standards.

The FX-14™ TCAM leverages more than 15 years of design experience. Capable of billions of searches per second, the TCAM is one of the fastest, densest and lowest power embedded networking TCAMs in the industry. It utilizes proprietary features for noise mitigation and offers up to 60% better performance and 80% less leakage than its predecessor.*

An array of memory compilers provide design flexibility in incorporating on-chip memory. FX-14™ density-optimized SRAM compilers utilize an exceptionally small memory cell to help minimize chip area. High-performance SRAM compilers use a performance-tuned cell to help maximize performance.

Experience You Can Rely On

Developed in close collaboration with leading EDA vendors and IP partners, FX-14™ is designed to enable first-time-right results in hardware. The design system uses an integrated test-chip-based methodology and a multiphase netlist sign-off process with rigorous entrance and exit milestone requirements.

The comprehensive design methodology takes advantage of industry-standard design tools. It can help reduce optimization costs by enabling the seamless integration of HSS, leading-edge cores, embedded memory, logic elements, I/Os and other proven IP so you can achieve system-level differentiation—and get to market faster.

Multiple ASIC business engagement models enable you to choose how we work together in taking your design from product definition to production. Whether we do it all for you or we collaborate with you, you can be confident that our record of success is working for you.

FX-14™ design kits are available now. Contact a GF representative for more information.

FX-14™ at a glance	
Low supply voltage	Helps maximize power efficiency.
Multi-Vt design libraries	For density, power, and performance trade-offs.
ARM® cores	Broad lineup of cores for system-on-chip designs, including 64-bit ARM® Cortex®-A72 and ARM® Cortex®-A53 processors, and an array of 32-bit ARM® cores and peripherals.
HSS	Wide array of designs for system-level optimization. Offerings include: 56Gbps long-reach design, variety of 30Gbps designs, an HBM interface and PCIe Gen4 support.
Memory compilers	Array of density-optimized and performance-optimized embedded SRAM memory compilers for design flexibility. Compilers include custom memory arrays for high-performance ARM® cores.
	Cutting-edge embedded TCAM.
	Embedded ROM, register array and register files.
Packaging	Comprehensive, advanced packaging portfolio.

*Compared to the GF Cu-32 ASIC. Results will vary with chip design.



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